

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8, 2019

The Township Committee Meeting of the Township of Cranbury was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were Township Committee members: Mike Ferrante, Glenn Johnson, Dan Mulligan and Mayor James Taylor all answered present. Matt Scott was absent for roll call (entered 7:10p.m.). Also present were Denise Marabello, Township Administrator/CFO; Steven Goodell, Township Attorney; Thomas Decker, Township Engineer; and Debra Rubin, Municipal Clerk. Mayor Taylor led in the salute to the flag, and Ms. Rubin gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

Posted on December 20, 2018 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.

Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on December 20, 2018.

Filed on December 20, 2018 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection.

Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Agenda Additions/Changes – Mayor Taylor added the Proclamation which proclaims Wednesday, July 17th, 2019 as “Giuliana D’Aria Day” in Cranbury Township. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, and seconded by Mr. Johnson the proclamation passed unanimously.

--Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24th, 2019

The Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24th, 2019 on a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Scott. On a roll call vote of the members of the Township Committee;

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan

Abstain: (Taylor
Absent: (Scott

Nays: (None

the Township Committee Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24th, 2019 were adopted.

--Reports and Communications

--Members of Committee

--Mr. Ferrante

Mr. Ferrante discussed the topics from the recent Traffic Subcommittee meeting. The striping of the crosswalks has been completed. The truck weight limits and speed restrictions were reviewed regarding concerns from residents at previous meeting. No changes can be made at this time

-Mr. Johnson

No reports at this time.

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Mr. Johnson commented that the three members who had voted on the deer management ordinance at the previous meeting should be commended. It was not an easy or popular vote for the members to make.

--Mr. Mulligan

Mr. Mulligan added the members present for the deer management ordinance vote made the best decision possible with the information they had been provided.

(Matt Scott present 7:10 p.m.)

He added that Ms. Marabello is working with the Library in order to ensure all professionals work together accordingly regarding the Library Bonding Grant. Mayor Taylor questioned the use of adding a referendum regarding the construction of the Library to the 2020 General Election ballot. Mr. Goodell stated a resolution would need to be adopted in August 2020.

Mr. Mulligan suggested modifying the current rate of pay for employees that are also certified to drive emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks. He suggested the employees be paid \$1 more an hour for such certification. Mr. Ferrante questioned the need for such change. It was decided that the Personnel Committee would review the current policy and discuss Mr. Mulligan's proposal. No change can be made until next year's budget.

--Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor received a request from Assemblyman Daniel Benson's office to participate in the event of "Turn the Town Teal" to promote awareness for ovarian cancer. The members agreed unanimously to participate.

He received a request from the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society to replace the dog bowl, that was previously misplaced, at the water fountain at Brainerd Lake. The members agreed to allow the solicitation of quotes in order for it to be replaced.

Mayor Taylor advised that the Cranbury Historical & Preservation Society spoke with the Parks Commission to update the monument located in Memorial Park, Vietnam War portion of monument. They asked for the committee members approval to add four (4) names that had been omitted in the past to the monument. Ms. Marabello questioned if a criteria had been established regarding the eligibility of inclusion on the monument. Ms. Marabello to discuss with Department of Public Works Director, Jerry Thorne, if there will be funds in the Parks Commission budget to cover the cost in November.

Mayor Taylor added he attended the Master Plan Subcommittee and Lions Club meetings.

He suggested the adoption of a financial policy to assist newly elected Township Committee members in understanding surplus use. Mr. Goodell added that it would be used solely as an educational document. Mayor Taylor and Mr. Scott to collaborate on preparing the policy. A work session will be scheduled upon completion for further discussion.

--Subcommittees – None

--Departments Heads –

--Follow-up Items

- Petty Road – Easements/Drywells – Mr. Decker advised the drywells were scheduled for cleaning on July 9th. The suggested maintenance as needed and no more than once a

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year. Once they are cleaned the Department of Public Works will monitor and track maintenance.

Mr. Decker addressed the previous easement discussion and followed up with a review of the township's tax maps. He attempted to follow the documents and found no indication of ownership and further reviewed that there is no record the township is a party to the easements. Mr. Goodell advised that there is no dedication of the particular swale on Petty Road. The township has no obligation to maintain an easement that is considered private property or has not been properly dedicated to the township. Mr. Decker added that due to the Stormwater Water Management Plan any new development must either be maintained by a homeowner's associations or the township.

- Sump Pump Ordinance – Discussions regarding changes needed to prevent illegal connections and to prevent roadways from being eroded. The township attorney will draft an ordinance for the members to review and discuss grandfathering properties or enforcement of the existing connections.

--Boards and Commissions

- **Vacancies**

Ms. Rubin read the vacancies for the following boards and commissions:

- (3) Municipal Alliance - Full Member, 1st and 2nd Alternate
- (1) Parks Commission – 2nd Alternate
- (1) Historic Preservation Commission – 2nd Alternate
- (1) Library Board of Trustees

Ordinances –

First Reading – None

Second Reading – None

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

Mayor Taylor asked the Township Committee if there were any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no questions or comments, Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adopt the Consent Resolutions. On a motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously carried, the following Resolutions adopted by vote:

Ayes: (Ferrante
(Johnson
(Mulligan
(Scott
(Taylor

Abstain: (None

Absent: (None

Nays: (None

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 05-19-099

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Cranbury that all bills and claims as audited and found to be correct be paid;

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Cranbury Township Resolution R # 07-19-100

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES ON
4 PERRINE LANE (BLOCK 18.05 LOT 2)

WHEREAS, a tax overpayment in the amount of \$3,509.74, has resulted from an additional payment from the property owner being applied to property located at 4 Perrine Lane (Block 18.05, Lot 2); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has confirmed that a refund of this overpayment is in order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of Cranbury Township that a refund of the overpayment of taxes, in the amount of \$3,509.74, be made payable to Feili Tang and Ruiqiong Li and mailed to Feili Tang, 4 Perrine Lane, Cranbury, NJ 08521; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Township officials are authorized to take action in accordance with this resolution.

Cranbury Township Resolution #R 07-19-101

RESOLUTION CANCELING OUTSTANDING CHECKS

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has requested that checks outstanding for more than a year be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has advised that it would be appropriate for the Township Committee to authorize the cancellation of said checks as follows:

**CURRENT CHECKING
BERKSHIRE BANK
ACCOUNT # 857168887**

101280 \$50.00	02/27/18	Staybridge Suites
101372 \$50.00	03/12/18	MC Traffic Officers
101501 \$1621.86	4/23/18	Alfieri
101572 \$1207.34	4/23/18	Rock Cranbury

**PAYROLL
BERKSHIRE BANK
ACCOUNT # 857168682**

54156	\$155.80	8/16/18 Andrew Ciardella
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, hereby authorizes the cancellation of said checks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Finance.

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Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-19-102

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY ("COUNTY") REGARDING
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTED CROSSWALKS AT
INTERSECTION OF OLD TRENTON ROAD AND LIEDTKE DRIVE
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is authorized to enter into an Agreement with "COUNTY", regarding the installation of lighted crosswalks at the intersection of Old Trenton Road and Liedtke Drive in the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-19-103

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY ("COUNTY") REGARDING
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTED CROSSWALKS AT
INTERSECTION OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND EVANS DRIVE
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is authorized to enter into an Agreement with "COUNTY", regarding the installation of lighted crosswalks at the intersection of SOUTH MAIN STREET AND EVANS DRIVE in the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement.

Cranbury Township Resolution # R 07-19-104

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY ("COUNTY") REGARDING
INSTALLATION OF LIGHTED CROSSWALKS AT
INTERSECTION OF NORTH MAIN STREET AND WESTMINSTER PLACE
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that the Township is authorized to enter into an Agreement with "COUNTY",

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regarding the installation of lighted crosswalks at the intersection of NORTH MAIN STREET AND WESTMINSTER PLACE in the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement.

Reports from Township Staff and Professionals –

Mr. Scott advised that the Zoning Officer will be sending a monthly report to the members for their review. The members discussed whether this report should be placed on the township website or attached to the minutes. Mr. Goodell to review contents of report and follow up.

Public Comment -

Mayor Taylor opened the meeting to general public comment.

- Richard Kallan – Advised the members at the dais that the audience cannot hear them when speaking and it appears, they are having a conversation amongst themselves. He stated they are in violation of the Sunshine Law and need to be aware that the audience cannot hear them and they all need to speak into the microphones. Mr. Kallan added that he agreed the zoning officer's actions should be on the website.
- Bill Bauder – He advised that some of the members of the township committee received a packet of information from him at the previous meeting. He discussed his remedy for restoring the swale to its original function to have less impact on the drywells. He requested the Township Engineer and a member of the Township Committee meet with him before preparing the sump pump ordinance. Mr. Decker will review the site and advise the committee further.
- Deepa George – Requested information regarding what applied to existing development and what applied to previous subdivisions. She is seeking documents prior to the 2004 Stormwater Management Plan. The township will review archived material.

Mayor Taylor closed the meeting to public comment.

Mayor Taylor requested a motion to adjourn. On motion by Mr. Mulligan, seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Debra A. Rubin, RMC
Municipal Clerk